THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS(SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). As per information available, there were 28 posts of Chief Executives and 60 posts of functional Directors in the Central Public Sector Undertakings vacant as on 31.10.1991, which are within the purview of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). Selection for the Board-level positions is a continuing process and efforts are made to fill up these posts in accordance with the prescribed procedure as early as possible.

Appointments to all senior posts in the Government of India require the approval of the A.C.C. Information about the vacancy position of all these posts is not centrally maintained.

Filling up these posts is a coutinuous process and is done in accordance with the prescribed norms and procedures; the proposals to fill up the vacant posts are at different stages of processing.

[*Translation*]

Revival of Ashok Paper Mills (APM)

9. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given on 17-7-91 to Unstarred Question No. 282 and state:

(a) whether the revised draft ordinance for nationalising the Rameshwar Nagar Unit of APM has since been submitted by the State Government of Bihar;

(b) if not, whether the State Government of Bihar is being asked to expedite the matter;

(c) whether the schemes for manufacturing pulp from rags and for generating power have been called for from the State Government of Bihar; and

(d) by what time the Jogithaghoppa unit would start production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN) : (a) No,Sir.

(b) State Government of Bihar has been reminded to expedite the matter.

(c) and (d). Necessary steps in this regard are to be taken by the State Governments of Bihar and Assam respectively.

[*English*]

Provision of Accomodation to People

10. SHRI GANGADHAR SANIPALLI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme of the Government to provide residential accomodation to the people belonging to low and middle income groups; and

(b) the number of beneficiaries of EWS, LIG and MIG categories who have been benefitted by the housing loan provided by Housing Development Finance Corporation, State-wise, during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Housing is a State subject. Various social housing schemes benefitting different income groups are being formulated and implemented by